

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 VALLET 01870 101300Z

46

ACTION EUR-01

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 PA-01 IO-01 /004 W

----- 011403

P R 101045Z DEC 74

FM AMEMBASSY VALLETTA

TO USINFO WASHDC PRIORITY

INFO SECSTATE WASHDC 5907

UNCLAS VALLETTA 1870

FOR IOP/M

E.O. 11652: N/A

SUBJ: CURRENT MEDIA REACTION

IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ROAD TO DISINTEGRATION", DISCUSSING
AMBASSADOR SCALI'S UNGA SPEECH, THE BULLETIN (CONSERVATIVE) OF
DECEMBER 9, COMMENT:

"THE CRITICISM AT THE U.N. ORGANIZATION, LEVELLED BY THE UNITED
STATES AMBASSADOR HAS TO BE SEEN IN ALL ITS IMPACT AND REPERCUSSIONS.
THERE WAS NEVER BEFORE A BLUNTER AND MORE DIRECT CIRITICISM OF THE
UNITED NATIONS METHODS AND SYSTEM. IT HAS BEEN RATHER LATE IN THE
DAY FOR THE U.S. AMBASSADOR TO SEE THE TREND OF THINGS IN THE
UNITED NATIONS, AND WHAT HAD BEEN UNFORTUNATELY, AND TO THE ENTIRE
DISCREDIT OF THE UNITED NATIONS, THE REMOVAL OF THE REPUBLIC OF
CHINA, HAS LED TO THE FORMATION OF THOSE POWER BLOCS THAT HAVE
LITTLE IN COMMON -- EXCEPT PERHAPS THE MOTIVE TO REPORT THE
UNITED NATIONS ORGANIZATION AND MAKE IT LOOK AS RIDICULOUS AS IT
HAS BEEN IMPORTANT.

TOUGH LANGUAGE IT WAS -- MR. SCALI DID NOT QUIBBLE BUT SENT THE
MESSAGE CLEAR. THE U.S. HAS BECOME DISENCHANGED WITH THE
ORGAIZATION, BECAUSE OF THE SELF-CENTERED DECISIONS. HE LISTED
THEM AS THE GRANTING OF OBSERVER STATUS TO THE YASSAR ARAFAT
ORGANIZATION, THE MUZZLING OF THE ISRAELI REPRESENTATIVE TO HIS
RIGHT OF REPLY, AND REMOVAL OF THE PRIVILEGES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN
DELEGATION. GOOD SENSE WASTOTALLY LACKING IN THE U.N. DECISIONS.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 VALLET 01870 101300Z

....TH U.N. HAS SERVED AS A FORM OF OURBURST; IT HAS CAUGHT THE

HEADLINES ON SOME OCCASIONS, BUT THE DANGER OF IT BECOMING IRRELEVANT IS NEAR AND TO QUOTE MR. SCALI, IT WOULD FADE INTO THE SHADOW WORLD OF RHETORIC, ABANDONING ITS IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE REAL WORLD OF NEGOTIATIONS AND PIQUE. AND MR. JOHN MORETON, FORMER BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER IN MALTA, NOW WITH THE U.K. DELEGATION SAID THAT IF THE U.N. WAS TO BE NO MORE THAN THE VEHICLE -- OR THE BATTLEGROUND FOR PROMOTING 138 SEPARATE FOREIGN POLICIES OR THE POLICIES OF BLOCS, IT COULD HARDLY SURVIVE IN A FORM WHICH WOULD BE RECOGNIZED BY THE AUTHORS OF THE CHARTER.

THE GENERAL VIEW IS THAT IF THE WILL OF THE MAJORITY WAS TO BE RESPECTED, IT HAD TO COMMAND RESPECT, IT MUST BE EXERCISED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BASIC LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL REQUIREMENTS. WOULD THE U.N. RETURN TO THE PATH OF SANITY, OR CONTINUE ON THE ROAD TO DISINTEGRATION?" BIRN

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: NEWS MEDIA COMMENTS, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 10 DEC 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974VALLET01870
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D740358-0096
From: VALLETTA
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19741245/aaaabmqj.tel
Line Count: 76
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MorefiRH
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 04 OCT 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <04 OCT 2002 by ReddocGW>; APPROVED <04 FEB 2003 by MorefiRH>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: CURRENT MEDIA REACTION IN AN EDITORIAL ENTITLED "ROAD TO DISINTEGRATION", DISCUSSING
TAGS: PFOR, MT, US, (SCALI, JOHN)
To: USIA
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005